

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
PURCHASE OF GAS BY NTPC .

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Will the Minister of COALPOWER be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether NTPC is willing to buy gas at Government approved rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present position thereof compared to the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) & (b):Yes, Sir. NTPC has been availing Government allocated domestic gases at Government approved prices for its existing gas based stations since inception. NTPC has been availing Administered Price Mechanism (APM) gas since 1989, PannaMukta Tapti (PMT) gas since 1997 at Government approved prices. As regards KG D6 gas, NTPC has been availing the same since November, 2009 at Government approved price except for its existing plants at Kawas&Gandhar due to ongoing court case in Bombay High Court against Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) for its expansion projects.

NTPC in the month of October 2010 intimated this Ministry that they will abide by the decision of Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) regarding quantity and price of KG D6 gas allocated for Kawas&Gandhar expansion projects. Accordingly, Ministry of Power has recommended that NTPC may be assured of allocation of 9.7 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD) of gas as per existing norms of 70% Plant Load Factor (PLF) so that they can finalize the order for main plant equipments and start construction works immediately and can draw gas when they are ready for commissioning. The assurance of gas allocation to NTPC will enable them to seek investment approval from their Board as per Department of Public Enterprises

(DPE) guidelines.

(c):Basic price of domestic gas [on Net Calorific Value (NCV) basis] during last 5 years is as follows:- APM / PMTRIL

w.e.f. 1.7.2005 – Rs.3200/1000scm (at 10,000 Since commencement of supplies Kcal/scm)for NTPC, i.e.,

w.e.f. 1.11.2009 till date – US\$ 4.205/MMBTU.

w.e.f. 1.6.2010 till date – US\$ 4.2/Million Metric British Thermal Unit (MMBTU).